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Another view is that Lead Federal Agencies should consider attending the 404 coordination meetings when there are topics of relevance, as we discussed before. As the Corps will be trying to use the BOR/FWS/NOAA EIS and will be doing ESA consultation with FWS and NOAA, there is likely to be discussions of interest, regardless of who signs an MOA. Of course, the Corps can have separate discussions with the other feds, but that's unlikely to be any more efficient.

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Briefly, and without comment:

(1) Our understanding is that DWR no longer wishes to complete the NEPA/404 Integration MOU that has been circulating amongst the 4 action agencies (DWR, BOR, FWS and NMFS) and 2 regulatory agencies (Corps and EPA) for almost a year. We are trying to pin that down, but at this point, the operating assumption is that we will not have such a multi-agency MOU.

(2) Given that, I think it would be safe for the federal action agencies to forego attendance at the "Chuck Gardner NEPA/404 Meetings," the next of which is scheduled for next Friday morning (February 17th).

(3) I talked with your FWS and BOR solicitors last week about their interest in following the proceedings of that NEPA/404 group. Given these recent developments, I think that they can find other things to do.

If anything changes, which is not unprecedented in the BDCP world, I will let you know.

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